

(1) the threat posed by anomalous health incidents;

(2) known defensive techniques; and

(3) processes to self-report suspected exposures that could be an anomalous health incident.

**SA 4409.** Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. 14106. OFFICE OF GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Office of Global Women's Issues (referred to in this section as the "Office") in the Department of State (referred to in this section as the "Department") should—

(1) be headed by the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, who should be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(2) coordinate, under the direction of the Secretary of State (referred to in this section as the "Secretary"), the United States foreign policy efforts to promote gender equality and the rights and empowerment of women and girls in United States diplomacy, partnerships, and programs;

(3) serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary regarding gender equality, women's and girls' empowerment, and violence against women and girls as a priority of United States foreign policy;

(4) represent the United States in diplomatic and multilateral fora on matters relevant to the status of women and girls;

(5) advise the Secretary and provide input on all activities, policies, programs, and funding relating to gender equality and the advancement of women and girls internationally for all bureaus and offices of the Department and in the international programs of all other Federal agencies;

(6) work to ensure that efforts to advance gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment are fully integrated into the programs, structures, processes, and capacities of all bureaus and offices of the Department and in the international programs of other Federal agencies; and

(7) conduct regular consultations with civil society organizations that are working to advance gender equality and empower women and girls internationally.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report or provide a briefing to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding the efforts of the Office to carry out the duties described in subsection (a).

**SA 4410.** Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and

for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following:

**SEC. 356. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING RESEARCH RELATING TO PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) support research efforts relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

(2) establish practices to ensure the timely and complete dissemination of research findings and related data relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances to the general public.

(b) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION.—Beginning not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Secretary of Defense shall publish on the publicly available website established under section 331(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92; 10 U.S.C. 2701 note) timely and regularly updated information on the research efforts of the Department of Defense relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, which shall include the following:

(1) A description of any research collaborations and data sharing by the Department with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, or any other agency (as defined in section 551 title 5, United States Code), States, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, or any other entity.

(2) Regularly updated information on research projects supported or conducted by the Department of Defense pertaining to the development, testing, and evaluation of a fluorine-free firefighting foam or any other alternative to aqueous film forming foam that contains perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(3) Regularly updated information on research projects supported or conducted by the Department pertaining to the health effects of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, including information relating to the impact of such substances on firefighters, veterans, and military families.

(4) Regularly updated information on research projects supported or conducted by the Department pertaining to treatment options for drinking water, surface water, ground water, and the safe disposal of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(5) Budget information, including specific spending information for the research projects relating to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances that are supported or conducted by the Department.

(6) Such other matters as may be relevant to ongoing research projects supported or conducted by the Department to address the use of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances and the health effects of the use of such substances.

(c) DISAGGREGATION OF INFORMATION.—To the degree applicable, all of the information made published under subsection (b) shall be disaggregated by State, congressional district, component of the Department, military installation name, and military installation type.

(d) FORMAT.—The information published under subsection (b) shall be made available in a downloadable, machine-readable, open, and a user-friendly format.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term "military installation" includes active, inactive, and former military installations.

(2) The term "perfluoroalkyl substance" means a man-made chemical of which all of the carbon atoms are fully fluorinated carbon atoms.

(3) The term "polyfluoroalkyl substance" means a man-made chemical containing a mix of fully fluorinated carbon atoms, partially fluorinated carbon atoms, and nonfluorinated carbon atoms.

**SA 4411.** Mr. PETERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XI, add the following:

**SEC. 1110. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2105(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking "or" at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(F) alleged violations of paragraph (8) or subparagraph (A)(i), (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (9) of section 2302(b), which shall be received, investigated, adjudicated, and subject to judicial review under the procedures, legal burdens of proof, and remedies provided for under this title; or"

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2302(a)(2)(C) of title 5, United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding clause (i) by inserting "and, in the case of an alleged prohibited personnel practice described under paragraph (8) or subparagraph (A)(i), (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (9) of subsection (b), a nonappropriated fund instrumentality under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces," after "Government Publishing Office,"

(2) Section 1587 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(3) The table of sections for chapter 81 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1587.

**SA 4412.** Mr. PETERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. —. COMPETITIVE STATUS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES HIRED BY INSPECTORS GENERAL TO SUPPORT THE LEAD IG MISSION.**

Section 8L(d)(5) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "a lead Inspector General for" and inserting "any Inspector General specified in subsection (c) for oversight of"; and